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1. (currently amended) A notification module for a voice messaging system, comprising:

an auto dialing calling module adapted to initiate a communication with a user at a remote location;

a table associating particular events with a need for notification of said user; and

a controller to activate said auto dialing calling module to send a notification message to said user upon satisfaction of a particular event based on call related information;

wherein said satisfaction of said particular event is determined based on a comparison of one or more entries in said table to call related information contained in a log.

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2. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 1, wherein:

said call related information is Caller ID information.

3. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 1, wherein:

said particular events include a occurrence of a predetermined number of telephone calls from a particular caller.

4. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 3, wherein:

said predetermined number of telephone calls of said event are within a predetermined range of time.

5. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 1, wherein:

said particular events include a predetermined number of telephone calls from any party within a predetermined range of time.

6. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a notification message to be communicated to said remote user.

7. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 6, wherein:

said notification message is an audible message.

8. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 6, wherein:

said notification message is a textual message.

9. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a remote notification designation identifying a communication address of said remote user.

10. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 9, wherein:

said communication address is a telephone number of said remote user.

11. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 10, wherein:

said communication is provided by establishment of a telephone call.

12. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 10, wherein:

said communication includes transmission of information over the Internet.

13. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 10, wherein:

said communication is an email message.

14. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 10, wherein:

said voice messaging system is a telephone answering device.

15. (original) The notification module for a voice messaging system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a call related information detector/receiver to detect and receive call relating information regarding incoming telephone calls.

C 16. (previously amended) A method for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls, comprising:

logging a plurality of entries of call related information as it is received by said voice messaging system;

reviewing said plurality of entries of logged call related information for satisfaction of a predetermined event by one or more of said incoming calls based on said logged call related information; and

calling a remote user with a notification message in response to satisfaction of said predetermined event.

17. (original) The method for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls according to claim 16, wherein:

said remote user is notified by the establishment of a telephone call from said voice message system.

18. (original) The method for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls according to claim 16, wherein:

said remote user is notified with an audible notification message.

19. (original) The method for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls according to claim 16, wherein:

said remote user is notified with a textual notification message.

C\ 20. (original) The method for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls according to claim 16, wherein:

said textual notification message is an email message.

21. (original) The method for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls according to claim 16, wherein:

said call related information is Caller ID information.

22. (original) The method for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls according to claim 16, wherein:

said voice messaging system is a telephone answering device.

23. (previously amended) Apparatus for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls, comprising:

means for logging a plurality of entries of call related information as it is received by said voice messaging system;

means for reviewing said plurality of entries of logged call related information for satisfaction of a predetermined event by one or more of said incoming calls based on said logged call related information; and

means for notifying a remote user with a notification message in response to satisfaction of said predetermined event.

24. (previously amended). A telephone answering device comprising:

a controller;

a voice recorder/playback module; and

a calling module activated by receipt of predetermined call related information, said calling module being adapted to initiate a telephone call to a predetermined notification telephone number upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on received call related information to notify a remote user with a notification message.

25. (original) The telephone answering device according to claim 24, wherein:

said calling module is further adapted to provide a notification message to a party answering said predetermined notification telephone number.